FAW SAFER RETURN TO TRAINING PROTOCOL

CLUB COVID-19 COMPLIANCE OFFICER

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES
**INTRODUCTION**

The status of the current COVID-19 pandemic is an ever changing and evolving situation and these guidelines will always be in line with and guided by Welsh Government and Public Health Wales policy.

Football activity can only take place in line with the FAW Return to Play protocols. All clubs are required to appoint at least one Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer. A Club COVID-19 Compliance Officer who is appointed to clubs with mini and junior players is required to have a valid DBS certificate. This person’s role will be to

- Operate as the Single Point of Contact for the club in relation to communication with and from the FAW, and for opposition clubs when returning to play
- Implement and manage the Return to Football protocols across the club
- Develop a network of COVID-19 Operational Leads for teams or sections of the club i.e. seniors, minis, juniors, girls and disability etc. who would support in implementing FAW protocols
- Communicate and liaise with COVID-19 Operational Leads, club officials and coaches on FAW protocols and procedures that need to be adopted
- Disseminate relevant COVID-19 related information to players and parents within the club
- Coordinate the recording of attendees at all training sessions for contact tracing purposes

This person should be familiar with Government and Public Health Wales in relation to COVID-19.

**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**TRAINING VENUE, FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

- Coordinate the completion of a COVID-19 Risk Assessment on all club training venues prior to its use.
- Ensure that COVID-19 signage is visible throughout training facilities if club owned or managed. If the facility isn’t club owned or managed, ensure that this is coordinated with facility provider.
- Ensure that no changing rooms or showers are used.
- Ensure that sanitary facilities are accessible for players and coaches.
- Ensure that all club training equipment, including goalposts, are sanitized before and after every training session.

**CLUB TRAINING SESSIONS**

- Ensure that the group numbers specified in FAW guidance are adhered to across the club.
- Ensure that only essential personnel access club training pitches / areas
- Ensure that club training areas comply with FAW guidance
- Ensure that social distancing is adhered to by all players and coaches when accessing and leaving the training area
- Ensure players, coaches and parents refrain from congregating at the venue or car
park during pick-ups and drop-offs

COACHES AND PLAYERS
- Ensure that the coaches, players and parents understand and adhere to their responsibilities, as set out in FAW Return to Play protocols
- Keep a record of attendees at all training sessions for contact tracing purposes

REPORTING
- Regularly liaise with, and report to, the Club Chairperson and relevant coach(es) regarding the training sessions and adherence to FAW Return to Play protocols